



Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending March 18, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK – PROJECTS and STATUS

Elections – Clerk staff received a second proposed initiative text from the proponents of the *Restrictions on General Plan Amendments, Required Review of General Plan* initiative petition. The proponents intend to drop the first petition currently circulating and draft and circulate the new one.

An ordinance amending various provisions of the Election Code to conform to the Charter, clarifying language and codifying existing practices was heard by the Rule, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee and approved by Council on Friday.

2016 Neighborhood Council Election – Online election registration has begun and voting starts 21 days continuing through to Election Day.

The Candidate Filing and Documentation Period ended for Regions 6 and 7. The documentation deadline for Region 7 was on Friday, the 18th. As of Friday, final lists of certified candidates have been published for Regions 1 through 5.

Below are the number of candidate filings per region.

Region	Number of Candidates Pending	Number who Did Not Qualify	Number of Candidates Certified
1	0*	22	162
2	0*	10	74
3	0*	8	136
4	0*	13	139
5	0*	21	217
6	0*	8	137
7	53		119
8	14		48
9	3		6
10	1		5
11	10		34
12	1		9
Totals:	82	83	1,092

* Filing has closed; no candidates pending.

The City Clerk attended the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk meeting on the Voting Systems Assessment Project on Wednesday, March 16, for an update on the County's new voting system.

TOP ITEMS

- **2016 Neighborhood Council elections preparations continue.**



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Council and Public Services Weekly Statistics:

Number of Ordinances Posted/Published	5/2
Number of Notices/Publications	40
Number of Contracts Attested	47
Number of Council Files Created	84
Number of Claims Received	141
Number of Referrals	39
Number of Council Meetings	3
Number of Committee Meetings	7

The City Clerk appeared before the Innovation and Performance Commission regarding its January 2016 application seeking two-year funding for the E-signature pilot program. The Commission declined to award funding stating the program no longer met funding criteria eligibility due to the project having been implemented prior to award of any funds.

Neighborhood and Business Improvement Districts – On March 15, 2016, Council conducted public hearings for the reconfirmation of the Los Feliz and Wilmington merchant-based BIDs and the Annual Planning Reports for the Downtown Center and the Hollywood Entertainment District BIDs. One-hundred percent of the 2016 Annual Planning Reports have been completed with the adoption of these Annual Planning Report. The Clerk exceeded its planned goal of 75% approval by June 2016.

Applications and Infrastructure – Staff met with the Board of Public Works to review the proposed electronic agenda and template. The BPW indicated that they are looking at an implementation date of July 1, 2016.

The electronic speaker card application has been modified to include additional features that were requested by the Council President. Pilot testing is scheduled for early April.

Fiscal – Staff will meet with EmpowerLA's General Manager on Friday to discuss the proposed orderly transition of EmpowerLA's funding program to the City Clerk's. At issue is the need for timely negotiations with a new Neighborhood Council bank, either Union or Wells Fargo. If those negotiations are unsuccessful, an RFP for a replacement bank needs to go out ASAP. In addition, EmpowerLA needs to be ready to train NCs on the "demand warrant" process (an alternative method to paying NCs if a new bank cannot be procured). The demand warrant process is not as efficient as a checking account/debit card but may be the only option if a new bank's services cannot be obtained. The City Clerk is concerned that the lack of a payment system this fiscal year will create a gap in services to NCs on July 1st if this function is transferred to the City Clerk.

Personnel – Staff is working with chiefs-of-staff of elected offices, the CAO and Controller's Office on the process to implement salary increases stipulated by the new EAA MOU. Emails about these increases were sent out to all chiefs-of-staff. Training will be provided this week and next to ensure elected offices are fully informed of their discretionary rights to provide their staff with these raises or not.

ISSUES

None to report.

UPCOMING. . . .

None to report.